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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Supplemental Retirement Legislation Status 30 April

1. On 30 April, the day on which stop gap legislation on the Supplemental Retirement legislation expires, Tom DeYulia, staff director of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee said that a stalemate exists between Congress and OMB. DeYulia said that Congress had offered a final compromise to OMB and Chairman Ford has said they will not water it down any further. He added that Senator Stevens is still on board with the House but Senator Roth is "carrying water" for the administration. He said the House is firm in not voting for an extension if there is no agreement. He emphasized that the House staff had negotiated in good faith with OMB and he was very disappointed at the turn of events.

2. Later on 30 April Jamie Cowan, Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services staff said that since there was no agreement the whole situation was up in the air. Like DeYulia he commented that Congress had made their final offer to OMB yesterday and it was not accepted. Senator Roth put in a bill extending the legislation for 30 days, but Cowan said that it would never pass, presumably since Senate members would take the position that there should be no extension since there was agreement with OMB. Cowan added that the main point of difference with OMB is over the cost of the package and that .3 or .4 % of payroll is all that separates them. Finally, Cowan opined that it would all work out somehow, but he wasn't sure how.

3. David Addington, of the HPSCI staff, suggested that even if the legislation lapsed Congress would still try to hammer out an agreement with OMB which would include a provision that will retroactively "fix" any period in which federal employees paid double retirement payments.

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